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UNIQUE BELLA IS STRONG FAVORITE IN 2017 KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE POOL

Battaglia Installs Hollendorfer-Trained Star as 8-5 Morning Line Choice for Feb. 24-26 Pool

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017) – Don Alberto Stable's **Unique Bella**, the brightest star thus far in North America's 2017 crop of 3-year-old fillies, looms as a heavy bettors' choice to win this year's renewal of the **\$1 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI)** when three days of wagering opens Friday in **Churchill Downs Racetrack's 2017 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager ("KOFW")**.

The grey daughter of Tapit, a dominant winner in three of her four career starts for three-time Kentucky Oaks-winning trainer **Jerry Hollendorfer**, has been installed by Churchill Downs odds maker **Mike Battaglia** as the 8-5 favorite among 24 betting interests in the morning line odds for the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager pool. The **Mutuel Field (#24)**, which includes all 3-year-old fillies other than the 23 individual wagering interests in the Oaks Future pool, is next at 8-1.

The Kentucky Oaks Future Wager provides racing fans with an opportunity to wager on contenders for the Kentucky Oaks, America's premier race for 3-year-old fillies, at odds that could be more attractive than those available on the day of America's greatest race. The Oaks Futures pool runs concurrently with Pool 3 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and betting will open at noon (all times EST) on Friday, Feb. 24. Betting will conclude in the three-day Oaks pool on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m., 30 minutes after the close of wagering in the Kentucky Derby Futures pool.

The Kentucky Oaks Future Wager offers \$2 minimum win wagering on 24 betting interests that include 23 individual horses and the Mutuel Field, which includes all 3-year-old fillies other than the individual wagering interests in the pool. The Oaks wager also offers \$2 exacta betting on the 24 wagering interests, with the latter also available in \$1 minimum increments in boxes and other multiple number configurations.

No scratches or refunds are permitted in the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager. Should Churchill Downs officials determine that an injury, illness or other circumstance would prohibit one of the individual wagering interests from competing in the 2017 Kentucky Oaks, wagering will be immediately suspended on those individual.

Unique Bella finished second in her career debut at Santa Anita in June, but the Pennsylvania-bred star has not faced a serious challenge in three subsequent starts won by a combined margin of 26 ½ lengths. That winning streak includes an easy 7 ½-length romp in the Santa Ynez (GII) and an 8 ¾-length triumph in the Las Virgenes (GII), both run at Santa Anita. Jockey **Mike Smith** has been in the saddle in all of her races.

Other individual fillies that are expected to attract solid support on the 2017 KOFW pool include and **Clearsky Farm's Abel Tasman (#1, 10-1)**, whose three wins from four career outings includes the Starlet (GI) at Los Alamitos, and Unique Bella's Hollendorfer-trained stablemate **It Tiz Well (#9, 12-1)**, **Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC's** daughter of Arch who was runner-up to the Oaks Futures favorite in the Santa Ynez and a winner in two of her four career races. Also at 12-1 is **Stonestreet Stables LLC's Valadorna (#23)**, the **Mark Casse**-trained runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI). **Coffeepot Stables' Farrell (#7, 15-1)**, winner of Churchill Downs' Golden Rod (GII) and the Silverbulletday at Fair Grounds in her last two races, and the **Doug O'Neill**-trained Delta Princess (GIII) winner **Shane's Girlfriend (#19, 15-1)** are next in line.

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Other accomplished fillies on the KOFW betting roster include Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) winner and reigning 3-year-old filly champion **Champagne Room (#2, 20-1)**, who finished third to Unique Bella in the Las Virgenes; **Moptotism (#13, 20-1)**, the O'Neill-trained runner-up to Unique Bella in the Las Virgenes; and **Pretty City Dancer (#17, 20-1)**, the Casse-trained winner of Saratoga's Spinaway (GI) and Churchill Downs' Debutante and runner-up to KOFW **Tequilita (#21, 50-1)** in her 2017 debut in the Forward Gal (GII) at Gulfstream Park.

Free **Brisnet** past performances and real-time odds for the 2017 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager are available online at www.KentuckyDerby.com.

2017 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager

Friday, Feb. 24 - Sunday, Feb. 26

#	Wagering Interest	Trainer	Morning Line Odds	FINAL odds	\$ Will Pay
1	Abel Tasman	Simon Callaghan	10-1		
2	Champagne Room	Peter Eurton	20-1		
3	Chanel's Legacy	Lynn Chleborad	50-1		
4	Daddys Lil Darling	Kenny McPeck	50-1		
5	Delphinia	Wesley Ward	30-1		
6	Elate	Bill Mott	30-1		
7	Farrell	Wayne Catalano	15-1		
8	Ghalia	Todd Pletcher	30-1		
9	It Tiz Well	Jerry Hollendorfer	12-1		
10	Jenda's Agenda	Larry Jones	30-1		
11	Lockdown	Bill Mott	30-1		
12	Miss Sky Warrior	Kelly Breen	30-1		
13	Mopotism	Doug O'Neill	20-1		
14	My Sweet Stella	D. Wayne Lukas	50-1		
15	Nonna Bella	Todd Pletcher	50-1		
16	Noted and Quoted	Bob Baffert	50-1		
17	Pretty City Dancer	Mark Casse	20-1		
18	Selcourt	John Sadler	30-1		
19	Shane's Girlfriend	Doug O'Neill	15-1		
20	Tapa Tapa Tapa	Tim Hamm	30-1		
21	Tequilita	Michael Matz	50-1		
22	Unique Bella	Jerry Hollendorfer	8-5		
23	Valadorna	Mark Casse	12-1		
24	Mutuel Field (All Others)		8-1		

Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands on May 6, 2017. The track's 2017 Spring Meet is scheduled for April 29-June 30. Churchill Downs has hosted the Breeders' Cup World Championships eight times and the event will return to the track on Nov. 2-3, 2018. Information is available at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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